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NEWS ABOUT HOME.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST, ETC., ETC.

"A CITY THAT IS SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HID."

January thaw.

B. C. Snyder returns from Boston today.

Judge Woodbury spent Saturday in Portland.

Elias Thomas of Portland was in Bethel Monday.

You will notice the holes in your rubbers this weather.

The "oldest inhabitants" are predicting a cold wave.

Thomas Kendall was in Mechanic Falls a part of last week.

W. B. Wight of North Newry was in this village Monday.

The Bethel Water Company held their annual meeting Monday.

A. S. Twitchell of Gorham was in this village last Wednesday.

Miss Percie Foster of Newry visited at C. O. Foster's last week.

F. W. Sanborn of the NORWAY ADVERTISER was in Bethel Monday.

The children in the public schools enjoyed their New Year's recess.

Miss Emma Wheeler spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Morgan.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. E. E. Whitney Thursday P. M., 2.30.

The Columbian Club will meet with Mrs. A. E. Herrick Saturday of this week.

The Bethel Auxiliary Chorus will have a rehearsal Saturday evening of this week.

Mrs. Ellery Wheeler and Mrs. Charlie Wheeler have been in Bethel visiting friends.

V. S. Davis was in town from Errol, N. H., over Sunday. He reports good logging in that section.

The Bethel Praying Band held a meeting at Swan's Hill last Sunday and will go to Newry Corner next Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harvey Philbrook and Wendell started for Lottie, Florida, Saturday morning. A prosperous journey and a pleasant home is the wish of a host of friends.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Farwell took place Sunday P. M., from his late residence on Chapman St. Mr. Farwell had been in feeble health for some time. Mrs. Farwell has the sympathy of neighbors and friends.

The "Watch Meeting" held last Thursday night was very interesting and well attended. The services were conducted by Rev. A. Hamilton, pastor, and Rev. J. A. Corey, presiding elder of the Lewiston District.

Mr. Algernon Chapman and family have the sympathy of their many friends in their sad bereavement. Mrs. Durfee had a large circle of friends in Bethel, her former home, who will mourn her early death.

Mr. Lewis E. Wheeler of Jamaica, Vt., in writing to the NEWS says:—"Your paper is a welcome weekly visitor at our home, for we find in perusing its pages much that is interesting concerning persons once familiar to us."

A very pleasant home wedding took place Monday of last week at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harris, when Miss Hattie Harris and Thomas Hutchins, Jr., were united in marriage by Rev. Israel Jordan. Only the immediate family and a few of the bride's most intimate classmates were present. The bride was the recipient of some very dainty presents. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins left Bethel Tuesday morning for Danvers, Mass., where they are to reside. Mr. Hutchins has the position of book-keeper in the Asylum there. The good wishes of their friends follow them to their new home.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all of its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.

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Miss Annie Cross has returned from Brewer, where she has spent several months.

Norman Gehring came to Bethel Monday P. M., to make a short visit with friends.

Mrs. Grace Reed, wife of Ellis Annis, died early Monday morning. Funeral at Middle Intervale Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Kendall and little Guy spent New Years in Mechanic Falls with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hawley.

The Trustees of the Bethel Library Association held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ceylon Rowe Monday evening.

Miss Cornelia French came from Augusta Saturday on account of illness. Her many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Herman Mason was up from Rumford Friday, went to Portland Saturday on business, and returned to Bethel Monday and Rumford Tuesday.

We have printed an extra number of the NEWS this week, that we may be able to furnish Col. Edwards' war articles to everybody.

All are pleased to learn that the family of Mr. Randall Cummings, who have suffered so severely by illness and bereavement, are gaining, and a speedy recovery is now expected.

D. G. Master, A. L. F. Pike of Norway will install the officers elect of Mount Abram Lodge No. 31, I. O. O. F. next Saturday evening. All the brothers should make an effort to be present.

Drives Away That Tired Feeling.

Goodwins Mills, Me., Dec. 6, 1896.

We have used Hood's Sarsaparilla in our family for several years as a tonic and blood purifier, and we find that it drives away that tired feeling and makes us feel strong and well. I recommend it to all my friends. We are greatly pleased with the Painting Book sent for three trademarks from Hood's Sarsaparilla and twelve cents in stamps.

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Hood's Pills cure all liver ills.

Attention, Company!

With this number of the NEWS, we begin the publication of the history of Company I, Fifth Maine Regiment, by Col. C. S. Edwards of Bethel. Col. Edwards has been at work on this for a number of months and has written a straightforward, graphic account of the part Company I took in the suppression of the late rebellion.

There is no flourish to the article, but the story is told in a way that will be highly pleasing to the old soldier and his family. Nearly every man in the company is mentioned, and their record as soldiers carefully noted. Many deeds of valor are recorded and many war reminiscences etc. related. Every surviving member of this company, and the friends of those who gave their lives on the field should read these articles. They will be continued through several months, but in order that all may read the articles we will send the NEWS to any address from Jan. 1st until the articles are finished for only 35 cents. Send in your subscription now, and get every number.

For only 35¢, you can get the NEWS from now until the war articles by Col. Edwards are finished. Send this week.

STATE NEWS.

Gen. John Marshall Brown will succeed the late Gen. Beal as Maine member of the board of managers of the national soldier's home.

The Odd Fellows' fair at Norway netted $425. The lodge has raised about $1000 towards a fund for the erection of a hall by means of the fair and entertainments.

Fred D. Briggs, a grocer of Norway, is under somewhat of a financial difficulty. He has called a meeting of his creditors, mostly wholesale dealers of Portland, and will endeavor to make a satisfactory settlement.

In one neighborhood in the town of Paris there are six persons over 85 years of age. The ages are 104, 93, 95, 99 and two 90. These people all enjoy good health. Mr. Benj. Bacon, aged 92, has walked 2½ miles with his axe on his shoulder and returned at night after spending the day in cutting cord wood.

WAR REMINISCENCES

OF THE BETHEL COMPANY,

Company I, Fifth Maine Regiment.

Having been often asked by many of my fellow citizens to give personal reminiscences of the different members of the Bethel Company, I have consented to write a brief sketch of the stirring events in which Bethel people were particularly interested during the war, as well as to give more or less of individual history that has never been told in print.

To mention all the incidents of interest connected with the company would be impossible, though I hope something may be said, even in my poor manner, that will refresh not only the memory of the survivors of the company, but the memory of those of our people who remember the trying days of '61, though no attempt will be made to present a full and complete history of the noble labors performed by the boys of Company I.

On the 22nd of April, 1861, Gov. Israel Washburn issued orders directing the Major Generals of the State Militia to raise ten regiments of volunteers. At this time our legislature was in session, and the Bethel district was represented by Tapley J. Kimball, Esq., of Middle Intervale.

I at once applied to Mr. Kimball for recruiting papers, which were received April 26th, though before the papers were taken from the post office seven or eight of Bethel's bravest young men signified their intention of enrolling

COL. EDWARDS IN 1864.

their names as members of the company at the earliest possible moment. Within five days of the receipt of the recruiting papers, the number of names required by the state in the formation of a company were secured.

The Governor was notified that the company was full. The next mail brought the good news that our present able and popular United States Senator, Wm. P. Frye, then a member of Major General Wm. Wirt Virgin's staff, would be in Bethel on the following morning, May 4th, 1861, for the purpose of organizing the company.

Senator Frye, though a young man, gave us an admirable address. His patriotic words, spoken with his characteristic earnestness and enthusiasm, strengthened us all for the trials that awaited us, though we little knew of the hardships and dangers that we were to pass through before returning to the homes we loved so well.

The company was duly organized, and all preparation was made for an immediate departure for Washington or wherever the government demanded. The scenes and emotions which marked the departure of Bethel soldiers in the war for the Union on that sad and memorable May morning in 1861, I can but feebly describe. The platform at the railroad station was crowded with men, women and children. Great excitement and enthusiasm prevailed. Never was our little town more thoroughly aroused than it was on this morning. I can never forget the varied partings of kindred, lovers and friends with those never so well loved as then; partings in which pride and joy were mingled with grief and sad forebodings. The last good bye was said at this time by several brave fellows whose remains now lie buried in southern soil. Tears flowed freely from the eyes of wives, mothers, sisters and loved ones, as parting words were said. The scene evidently brought before us a clearer realization of the sadness of the conflict upon which we were entering.

I can now seem to see among the many patriotic Bethel women on the station platform, one particularly dear to me, with her five little children about her, bidding me good-bye, a sad parting, indeed for husband, wife and children, for no one could foretell what war had in store for us. What sacrifices were made by our noble women and what sufferings were endured by them while husband and sons were fighting the battles of their country!

The company arrived in Portland about noon, and at once marched to an old school building on Congress St., a short distance from City Hall. Excellent rations were given out at Mechanic's Hall. On the last of May or first of June, the company moved to Camp Preble, now South Portland, being the first company on the ground. While here the Fifth Maine Regiment was organized, with Mark H. Dunnells as colonel. The Bethel Company was known as "I" in the list of companies. We had been in Camp Preble a short time when orders came from the War Department at Washington that no more three months men or one or two years men would be accepted, but that the term of enlistment must be three years, if not sooner discharged. As the company had enlisted for one year only, I at once called the men together and had the order read regarding the term of service now required. It was optional with the men to re-enlist for three years or not. I am proud to say that the larger part of the company re-enlisted. A few men, not liking camp life as they had seen it during three or four weeks of state service, returned to Bethel. The company now numbered only fifty-five or sixty men, while the law required one hundred members rank and file. In a short time the company had eighty men, the addition coming largely from the following towns in Oxford Co.: Greenwood, Albany, Stoneham, Sweden, Buckfield, Rumford, Canton, Mexico, Paris, Woodstock, Andover, Mason, Upton, Newry, Grafton, Sumner, Riley Plantation, Brownfield, Hamlin's Grant and Norway.

The company now lacking about twenty of the required numbers. Lieut. C. M. Wormell, now of this place, went to Bryant's Pond and selected twenty men from a company that was recruited by the late Doctor Lapham and Moses Houghton. The Bryant's Pond Company was disbanded, there being more volunteers in those early days of the war, than were wanted by the government, though this was not the case later, when volunteers in some sections were rare. Company "I" now had its requisite. While at Camp Preble, the Company was most pleasantly and patriotically remembered by the good ladies of Bethel, who in large numbers came to bid us good bye before starting South. They drove over from Portland in carriages, bringing with them a beautiful silk flag which was presented to the company by Mrs. A. G. Gaines, wife of the beloved pastor of the Universalist church. Mrs. Gaines' address was given with much feeling and more than one man was moved to tears as her eloquent words were spoken. The address was published in the PORTLAND COURIER, also in the BETHEL COURIER, June 21, 1861. The following is a copy of the address as printed in the Bethel paper.

FLAG PRESENTATION.

This morning at ten o'clock a very pleasant incident occurred at Camp Preble. The ladies of Bethel, some forty in number, were on the ground with a beautiful company flag, designed for presentation to the Union Guards, Capt. Edwards, of that town. After prayer by Rev. J. W. Hanson of Haverhill, Mass., the following eloquent address was delivered in a most appropriate manner by Rev. Mrs. A. G. Gaines of Bethel:—

Soldiers of our beloved Union:

We come to you to-day, a band of patriotic women, feebly endeavoring to represent the faithful and patriotic hearts that beat among the hills of Bethel, and on the banks of the Androscoggin, where lie your homes and live your dear ones, how dear some of us here to-day, know full well.

But dearly as we love you, our friends, our husbands and our sons, we love the cause of freedom and our country more; for what were *love* without a home, and what were home without the protection of our glorious Government, and free institutions. *Our* home *must be* under the *banner* of *Freedom.* * * * * * * *

We thank God that we have husbands, and brothers, and fathers, and sons to send forth in their defence.

Yes, and we send you freely, as did our Revolutionary mothers before us; for be assured that the noble and undying spirit of those patriotic women, has not wholly departed from their daughters. * * * * * *

Go forth and sustain our Government and her *ballot-box*, that foundation stone whereon is built the glorious fabric of the free Government. Let it not become a stupendous failure of self-government, and a by-word and scorn among the nations of Europe and of the world, but maintain it as the hope of the down-trodden nations of the earth, and of liberty and christianity forever.

It has been said that this government must fail—that it should fail; and ruthless hands have endeavored to fulfill the prophecy. But it shall *not* fail. Thank God, that there are hundreds of thousands of strong arms, and brave hearts ready to defend and maintain our national Union and Constitution.

For this cause you have quitted your homes, and grasped the sword in your country's defence. Lay it not down till our country is again free from the menace of traitors,—her glorious flag restored to those wonted places which now know it not, and peace and Union once more abide under its Star Spangled folds.

And now we ask you to accept from the patriotic ladies of Bethel, the glorious Stars and Stripes of our beloved Union. Take it to your hearts, each one of you, as a symbol of the love that burns in your homes for liberty and country, and as a token of the honor we would do our brave defenders. Go forth under its inspiration to do battle for the right, for freedom, and humanity, forgetting not to put on the armor of valor and virtue, and under God's blessings you will be invincible.

Rev. Zenas Thompson responded on the part of the company to Mrs. Gaines address in words that produced the deepest emotion. Mr. Thompson was the first settled Universalist minister in Bethel, coming here in 1853 or early in 1854, at which time the present Universalist church was built. He built and lived in the house now owned and occupied by Mrs. O. H. Mason and son. He was for some time chaplain of the 6th Maine Regiment. It was mustered into the United States service on the evening of June 23rd, 1861, and was now ready to start for Dixie.

COL. C. S. EDWARDS.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

OBITUARY.

Charles W. Farwell, son of Melvin Farwell of West Bethel, was born Oct. 29, 1832; and departed this life Dec. 31, 1896.

Deceased remained a resident of that place until over thirty years of age, when after living for a short time in different places he settled at North Bridgton, Me., on a farm near the Highlands. While here, he became a member of the M. E. church in the Center village, and as long as health and circumstances permitted was seen in regular attendance at this place of worship, and an active worker in church and Sunday-School, having filled the office of steward, trustee, and Supt. of Sunday school. He was also a valued assistant in the church choir, and the tones of his powerful bass voice will long be remembered by those attending the church, as well as in other musical circles.

His social qualities won for him many friends; and in all his business affairs he was invariably faithful and implicitly trusted by his fellowmen. But ever of an active industrious temperament, near the commencement of the past year his overtaxed strength gave way, and disposing of his farm and its accessories, he removed to this village, hoping that the pure mountain air and water would in time restore his failing energies. But the seeds of consumption were already too deeply planted, and after a five months' resistance here and a gradual decline, on the last day of the year his pains and labor ceased, for "he fell asleep", and was at rest.

Mr. Farwell married in 1855, Miss Harriette F. Kilborn, formerly of Harrison, who has ever proved a devoted wife and true helpmate, but who is now an invalid, and keenly feels the shock of this sudden blow.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at their residence on Chapman St., Rev. Mr. Hamlinton of the M. E. church officiating. Two beautiful designs of floral work were the only decorations, one, "Gates Ajar", being the last sad offering of a grief-stricken wife, the other a pillow of roses, contributed by an adopted son, E. N. Anderson, of Gorham, N. H.

Card.

To the choir of the M. E. church and the friends and neighbors, who rendered us such essential and acceptable service in our late affliction, we desire to tender sincere thanks, together with the assurance that even the cup of cold water offered "in His name" will bring a disciple's reward.

Harriette F. Farwell.
Eben S. Kilborn.
E. N. Anderson.

Notice to Firemen.

The assessors of the village corporation respectfully request the firemen of Bethel to send in their bills for service the past year at once, that orders may be drawn to pay the same.

WOMEN'S CHIT-CHAT.

"From Grave to Gay, From Lively to Severe."

FOR SUNDAY.

I believe in the Fatherhood of God. I believe in the words of Jesus. I believe in the service of love. I believe in the unworldly life. I believe in the beatitudes. I promise to trust God and follow Christ, to forgive my enemies, and to seek after the righteousness of God." Ian Maclaren.

MONDAY.

"Christ's protest is not against work, but against anxious thought."
Drumm and.

TUESDAY.—

"It is not what a man *is* that exalts him, but what he *would be.*"

WEDNESDAY.

"The greatest fault, is to be conscious of none."

THURSDAY.

"Life is a succession of lessons, which must be lived to be understood." Emerson.

FRIDAY.

"We become like what we admire."

SATURDAY.

"The only *greatness*, is unselfish love. There is a great difference between *trying to please*, and *giving pleasure.*"

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If the Boston Transcript can have a "Listener", for its pleasure and profit, then the BETHEL NEWS can have an Observer; and though said Observer does not pretend to see all that is passing on this planet, and would not dream of reporting it if she did, yet some things that come, or have in times past come under her observation, she proposes to share with the indulgent readers of the NEWS.

She has headed this column with thoughts that have lately been borrowed by neighbors in our village. Emerson says, "Next to the originator of a good sentence is the first quoter of it," and the choice of a quotation often reveals the trend of a character, for if it be true that, "As a man thinks so is he" it is no less true of woman. Some of these quotations have been taken from those given at the different Club-meetings, where the Observer has often suffered from an attack of mental greed because she could not remember and assimilate all the words of wit and wisdom which have been borrowed from the sages and the ages.

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A Woman's Club in New Haven has adopted the rule that each member shall be required to learn a quotation every day of the week; and one who has had a mouth of such discipline writes, "Behold! I have thirty gems of thought, as much my own as though I had originated them."

Three hundred and sixty-five mind and heart-inspirers would fill a year with untold richness, and crowd out, by the "expulsive force of a new affection," much of the pettiness and general unworthiness over which we mourn, and which, like Chas. Dudley Warner's "pusly", are difficult weeds to keep hoed under.

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Ah yes, there is "time enough" for this bit of heart and brain culture. "We have all the time there is," to quote the wisdom of the old darkey, and the women who accomplish the most that is worth the doing are those who have the most to do.

Such close economists do they become that their lives are masterpieces of the art of living.

One woman, who rarely has assistance in her household cares, always keeps a book on a shelf by her work-table in the kitchen. The wheels of her housekeeping run so smoothly that you never hear a creak, and her standard is high; but while waiting for the cake to rise a wee bit higher before reducing the draught, or while the pies and cookies are taking on a deeper shade of brown, she dips into the book on hand, and is one of the most brilliant women of the Observer's acquaintance.

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Another, whose family often numbers twenty-five, said in the Observer's presence, that she kept pinned upon the closet door in her pantry a copy of anything she wished to commit to memory, and while whisking eggs or beating cake, or moulding bread, her thoughts were busy and happy in taking possession of what will not perish in the using.

Yet another tells of the fact, or fancy, or poem cut from the paper and pinned upon the ball of yarn in the mending-basket; and as the needle weaves in and out, one glance at the coveted lines from time to time makes the poem her own at the end of an otherwise tedious hour.

The mother of one of America's famous women told the Observer that she fitted herself to prepare boys for college by studying while she rocked her babies asleep. Left a widow, in after years, she gave a liberal education to her own children by using her knowledge, so obtained, in teaching others.

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Ah, the contrast in the hearts and homes of the reading and the non-reading women!

Fancy the charm of mind and manner that makes Julia Ward Howe the centre of attraction wherever she may chance to be; and the vigor that makes it possible for her, at eighty-seven years of age, to read a paper before a Woman's Club in Brunswick last week, full of vivacity, suggestion, and interest, to travel to Rockland upon a similar errand, and be back to meet Boston engagements, all within the shortest space of time!

Such women have been nourished upon the most wholesome mental pabulum all their lives. Never fancy for a moment, dear Bethel girls, whose bright eyes may fall upon this paragraph, that Mrs. Southworth and Ouida are going to lift you upon the level of cultivated womanhood. You are not in "good society" when associating with the characters you find between the covers of those writers' books. Life is not what they portray it. "Flashing eyes, raven tresses, ruby lips, and teeth of pearl" are not absolutely necessary articles in this very busy world—but quick wits, broad views, generous sympathies, lively imaginations, and tender and true feelings are always "at par"—and good books are the inspirers and developers of an inner life that will give you bright serenity of heart, and make you blessed helpers in this needy world.

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The most broadly educated woman the Observer ever met—born and educated in Europe, and transplanted to America, bringing with her the deeply-rooted cultivation of the Old World—said to the bride in her teens, "My dear, never begin your day without a tonic of solid reading."

The days in all your after years will never seem properly begun without the uplift that comes from reading, even for a very few moments, something that acts as a lever to raise the day's thought into braver action—if my girls in their teens will follow the wisest, most helpful advice that was ever given the Observer.

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Who dares make a New Year's resolution that no day shall pass without applying the text, "Behold! I will do a new thing," in this way, to the needs of the mind and soul?

A famous man said upon his death-bed, "Give me a great thought with which to die." Shall we say, 'Give me a great thought by which to live?"

The Observer asks no New Year's pledges, dares make no promises—she but observes.

Women and Professional Life.

Woman was created by her Maker to be the helpmate of man and to fill those highest and holiest of earthly callings—wife and mother. Married life is her natural sphere. The qualities which are needed to perfectly fulfill the duties of such a state are inherent within the true women. When she assumes these duties, they are her life and her first thought. She will never forget or neglect them through the influence of past experiences or present necessities in another channel. Professional life makes a woman more practical, more economical and of better judgment and must therefore fit her to be a greater helpmate to her husband. The true woman will never be independent of her husband, although capable of earning her own living, but will ever rely upon him and strive to fulfill his wishes. There are exceptions to all rules, but the true woman can never be unfitted for the highest fulfillment of the duties in her national sphere of wife and mother by contact with professional life.—W. G. H. in Philadelphia Press.

CLEANINGS.

The condition of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, who fell and fractured her hip, at Stamford, Conn., a few days ago, is such as to cause the greatest anxiety. Her relatives have been summoned in view of her failing condition.

The luxury of all luxuries in Central Africa is salt. To say that a man eates salt with his food is the same as saying that he is a rich man. Mungo Park says, "The long continued use of vegetable food creates so painful a longing for salt that no words can sufficiently describe it."

The largest registered letter ever mailed in the United States was a box containing the testimoney in a recent suit concerning the chloride process of extracting gold. The postage was $187 and the box was as large as an average dry good's box. It was sent from New York to Pretoria, South Africa.

Enrique Jose Alvarez, the Boston representative of the Cuban Junta, is a graduate of Bucksport Seminary. While the United States does not allow him to enlist men, there is nothing to prevent him telling men who wish to assist Cuba how and what to do. It is said that through his influence 300 men have gone to Cuba from the vicinity of Boston.

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Bethel, Maine, Jan. 6, 1897.

About the first of March the NEWS PUBLISHING COMPANY begin the publication of an educational monthly journal. It is to be a magazine devoted to the common schools of New England, especially designed for teachers. It will have the support of the leading educators of the day, and will be a journal of a high order. A complete new outfit is to be put in for the new journal and every thing possible done to place it in the front ranks.

In looking back over the past year and noting the advancement the NEWS has made, we feel that our efforts have not been in vain. We do not claim even now that the NEWS is the best paper in the county, but we do think it compares very favorably with the best. It certainly merits the support and patronage of the citizens of Bethel, and with but few exceptions it has it. In some few cases advertisements, legal notices, subscriptions and job printing have gone out of town, that would have yielded just as good returns from the NEWS office. An advertisement in the BETHEL NEWS brings not a little reading to your home, and a job of printing issuing from our office will be no poorer than you might get somewhere else. In fact, we are producing some superior work. It is our ambition to largely increase our plant and business, and we respectfully ask the citizens of this town to give us what encouragement they can. It is the pivot upon which rests the success of your home paper, and if you have its interests at heart (and why should you not?), will you not demonstrate the fact by giving us your personal support. We believe it would pay our merchants to do more advertising in the NEWS. An attractive advertisement written up every week or at the most every month, would bring results. Out of town merchants find that it pays them to advertise with us. Why should it not pay the home merchant? Try it.

A New Department.

With this issue of the NEWS, we introduce a new department, "Chit-chat," which will appear every week, continuing throughout the year. As its name implies, it will be a series of brief notes and sketches, and that it comes from the pen of Mrs. J. G. Gehring is sufficient guarantee that it will be a pleasing feature of the paper. The publishers of the NEWS deeply appreciate Mrs. Gehring's kindness, and our readers will certainly enjoy "Chit-chat," particularly the ladies, for whose benefit and entertainment it is especially designed.

BETHEL LOCALS.

Mrs. J. H. Barrows has gone to West Paris for a few weeks.

Clinton Lovejoy and wife have gone to Andover, on the farm.

Mrs. W. F. Lovejoy has gone to Rockland for a five weeks' visit.

Mr. Simpson has returned from his visit to his home in North Newcastle.

J. G. Rich brought a bunch of pansies in full bloom into the NEWS office this morning.

John Yates has purchased the meat business of D. D. Matheson, and takes possession this week.

The best way to cure disease is to drive it from the system by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The officers elect of Brown Post will be installed Tuesday evening, January 12th. Members will please remember.

W. F. Lovejoy reports that his hens on his farm in Andover have laid, during the past eleven months, 5336 eggs.

Persons bringing job work to the office will please state to whom they wish their votes credited. Otherwise no count will be made.

Irving Kimball and Miss May Holt of East Bethel were united in marriage at East Bethel, Tuesday, December 29. They have the best wishes of the NEWS for a long and happy future.

The second party given by Mr. J. Marshall Laurence at the Bethel House this winter, occurred on New Year's night. Dancing was the amusement, and the evening was very pleasantly spent.

Mr. F. E. Dodge, of Bath, Me., is in town canvassing for boots, shoes, rubbers, etc. His goods represent a reliable firm and the latest styles, and we have no doubt that those who patronize him will be fully satisfied.

Mrs. G. M. Twitchell of Augusta came to Bethel last Saturday with Miss Cornelia French. Mrs. Twitchell returned to Augusta Tuesday. The many friends of Miss French will be pained to learn that she was obliged to come home on account of illness, which has developed into typhoid fever.

STATE NEWS.

A two year old son of Jos. Lenfux of Westbrook died last Tuesday from the effects of drinking a portion of washing fluid.

The President has commuted to four years, with deductions for good behavior, the sentence of ten years in July, 1893, Wm. R. Shaw, for embezzlement.

The Grand Trunk Railroad Co., will have a larger pipe laid to its reservoir on the highlands from the watering station at South Paris, in order to save time when filling tanks on the tender to their locomotives. A part of the piping has already arrived.

Martin Richards, better known as "Dick Martz" the veteran showman, died at Togus last Sunday. He leaves a wife and five children, one of them being "Al Martz", the well known showman, who resides in Camden, Me., where the body of the deceased will be interred.

Fred Scott of West Paris takes the position of Grand Trunk Station Agent at Gorham, N. H., which for forty years has been filled by Mr. Thos. A. Adams. Mr. Adams, who recently moved to Paris, has been retired by the management, owing to his old age.

Gorham, N. H.

It is rumored that there will be a ball here the 21st of this month; and we understand the music will be furnished by Burnham and Barney's orchestra. This orchestra has a wide reputation for first class music, and all who attend this ball will be sure of a good time. Watch for posters.

The Old Guide's Story.

In camp not long ago a party of sports were seated telling fish stories, and finally one called on the old guide for a story. "Wal," said he, "I don't know any what you call 'fish stories'; all the stories I know are true ones, but I'll tell ye one. I was out fishing one day and caught a han'some trout. I tell ye, boys, he was a beauty, so han,some I hated to kill him, so I put him in a tub of water, and thought I'd see if he'd learn to go without water, so I put him in a tubful and took out a little every day till there wa'n't any left. An' finly he got so he follered me round like a dorg everywhar I went. An' one day I's going to a back pond an' didn't cal'late he shud go, but I forgot an' didn't shut him up, an' on the way I had to cross a large brook on a fallen tree, an' I got half over an' there was that trout a follering me; well, he got most over an' fell in, an' I swan he drowned afore I cud git him out."

He Wanted It Cheaper.

It was one of those restaurants where they charge according to the service, and you can get anything in the line of service that you want from a private dining room to a cafetiria help yourself counter. And the men in search of something to eat had wandered in among the private dining rooms on the second floor.

After he had settled himself comfortably in his chair and had secured the attention of a waiter he glanced at the bill of fare, and the next minute he straightened up as if he had received an electric shock.

"Roast beef, 45 cents!" he exclaimed. "Do you serve a whole cow for an order here?"

The waiter said that was the regular price.

"Well, when I want to be robbed," returned the man, "I'll go out and hire a thug to do it. Just now I'm only after lunch, and I didn't think to bring my checkbook along."

The waiter politely suggested that the prices were not quite so high on the first floor, where the service was a little less perfect.

The patron declared that he didn't care whether the service was good or bad, as he never ate it, and then he started for the first floor.

"Roast beef, 30 cents," he said, looking at a bill of fare before taking his seat. "That's better. I've come down 15 cents' worth of stairs."

Then it was that a brilliant idea occurred to him, and he beckoned to the head waited.

"What's in the basement?" he asked.

"Our cafetiria," was the reply.

"How much is roast beef down there?"

"Twenty cents."

He started for the basement, but stopped.

"Say," he said, "if you've got a subcellar I'd like to eat there."—Chicago Post.

Hawthorne as a Worker.

There is a story about the famous Brook farm experiment to the effect that several of the most distinguished members, Hawthorne among them, found the place so uncongenial that they used to lean over the pigsty and scratch the pigs' backs for amusement. When, however, it became Hawthorne's duty to feed the pigs, he drew the line. Scratch a pig's back he might; feed a pig he would not. His daughter, Mrs. Lathrop, denies that he was a finical man. She writes in the Cambridge Magazine:

"Hawthorne could work with his hands too. He hoed many a vegetable garden, planted sunflowers, of which he was a thorough admirer, cut bean poles cheerily and ate his personally raised fresh vegetables with the best of us. He did not fear to help his wife in their early married life by doing the housework when she was not strong enough. Moreover, he did not do it with surly innuendoes and sudden snarlings, nor did he abruptly stop and sit down to niggardly reproach. He washed dishes and cleaned knives and cooked like a prince of fairy tale reliability and gentleness."

Truthfulness.

A man may, from education, training and habit, or even from motives of policy or other reasons, usually speak the truth and be esteemed accordingly. Yet he may not by any means be imbued with the spirit of truth which animates his neighbor, who loves and reveres it, not merely for its results, but for its own sake, whose impulses spring toward it and whose whole life manifests it not only in word, but in deed and in thought. Truth does not get exalted by flinging it at people. It is exalted whenever it is really expressed in a man's life and shines out through him.—Exchange.

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Service a la Bowery.

A waiter from "de Bowery" drifted into town the other day and got a job in a Royal street restaurant. He was dressed in a check suit, walked stiff kneed, with his chin out, and yelled out his orders like a Mississippi mate. His first customer was a gentleman of delicate appetite. The waiter struck a prize-fighter attitude, leaned his head slightly down toward the guest and said:

"Well?"

The guest looked up in surprise. The waiter glanced down at him.

"Well, what can we do for yer, sport?"

Regaining his control, the diner said, "Ah, I'd like something light, waiter."

"Sumtin light? How would a fedder do yer?"

"A what?"

"A fedder. Maybe you might get your whiskers trou a lamp, or p'r'aps a cup of barber's ladder might fit yer mug."

Having delivered himself of these pleasantries, the waiter smiled broadly and tapped his customer lightly on the chest.

"Dere, whiskers, don't get yer peppers on. Dat's a josh to git up yer appetite, see? No stringin, wouldn't an omelet suffiay tickle de cove in yer bread basket? Say, I can rush it into yer face before yer finish goin up against de pickles. See?"

The delicate gentleman nearly fainted and was rescued by the head waiter, who gave him another attendant and put the Ganymede from wicked New York on the dishwashing list.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Needle and the Pin.

A pin and a needle, being neighbors in a workbasket and both being idle folks, began to quarrel, as idle folks are apt to do.

"I should like to know," said the pin, "what you are good for and how you expect to get through the world without a head?"

"What is the use of your head," replied the needle sharply, "if you have no eye?"

"What is the use of an eye," said the pin, "if there is always something in it?"

"I am more active and can go through more work than you can," said the needle.

"Yes, but you will not live long because you have always a stitch in your side," said the pin.

"You are a poor, crooked creature," said the needle.

"And you are so proud that you cannot bend without breaking your back."

"I'll pull your head off if you insult me again."

"I'll pull your eye out if you touch me. Remember, your life hangs on a single thread," said the pin.

While they were thus conversing a little girl entered and, undertaking to sew, she very soon broke off the needle at the eye. She then tied the thread around the neck of the pin, and, attempting to sew with it, she soon pulled its head off and threw it into the dirt by the side of the broken needle.

"Well, here we are," said the needle. "We have nothing to fight about now," said the pin. "It seems misfortune has brought us to our senses."

"A pity we had not come to them sooner," saith the needle. "How much we resemble human beings, who quarrel about their blessings till they lose them and never find out they are brothers till they lie down in the dust together, as we do!"—Household Words.

The miter worn by the Jewish high priest was a kind of diadem, resembling a turban in shape. On the front was a gold plate, fastened by a blue ribbon and engraved with the inscription, "Holiness to the Lord."

From Penang to New York a letter requires 35 days to make the journey.

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Votes can be cast for any teacher wherever they may reside, if he or she is now or has been teaching in this county during 1896.

Every issue of the NEWS from now until Feb. 1st, 1897 will contain one vote, which can be filled out by any one for any teacher in the County and sent into the NEWS office. Extra papers will be on sale at the NEWS office, G. R. Wiley's drug store and at Miss L. C. Hall's in Bethel, also at Stone's drug store, Norway, Shurtleff's drug store, South Paris, and at C. A. Clifford's, Rumford Falls.

A new yearly subscription to the NEWS, whether brought in by the teachers themselves or by some friend, will count 52 votes. A 6 months subscription will count 26 votes, and a 3 months subscription 13 votes.

25 votes will also be allowed for every dollar's worth of job printing actually obtained by any teacher or friend and brought to this office.

THE PRIZE.

The teacher who on or before Feb. 1st, 1897, receives the greatest number of votes will be presented with a copy of Webster's International Dictionary. This is a new book from cover to cover. A complete revision of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, the name of which is familiar to every teacher in America.

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In addition to the Dictionary of words, with their pronunciation, spelling, etymology, etc., there is a valuable appendix comprising a pronouncing gazetteer of the world; vocabularies of Scriptural, Greek, Latin, and English proper names. A dictionary of the noted names of fiction; a brief history of the English language; a dictionary of foreign quotations.

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NOTE.—Votes may be cast for any Lady or Gentleman who is now teaching in Oxford County.

Votes Received to Date.

Miss Alice Purington, Bethel,	733
Miss Lillian R. Kimball,	697
Maud Bartlett, Albany,	369
Miss Ethel Hammon,	260
T. S. Hutchins, Bethel,	135
J. S. Hutchins, South Bethel,	127
Arthur G. Wiley, Norway,	25
F. W. Flood, Bethel,	65
Miss Sadie Abbott, Bethel,	112
Augusta H. French, Norway,	5
Alice M. Russell, Bethel,	54
Bertha Wiley, Bethel,	53

Remember a new subscriber counts 52 votes if for a year.

We give a copy of the NEW YORK TRIBUNE or the TOLEDO WEEKLY BLADE free to every new subscriber who asks for it.

This week Miss Alice Purington takes the lead in the contest. Miss Kimball comes second and Miss Maud Bartlett third. As the contest progresses the interest increases, and votes are beginning to come in quite freely. We predict some surprises before Feb. 1st.

Anyone who already takes the NEWS can have their votes credited by paying up to date and a full year in advance.

BIRTHS.

Norway, Dec. 16, to the wife of Geo. O. Fogg, a son.

Norway, Dec. 11, to the wife of Geo. D. Frost, a daughter.

West Paris, Dec. 9, to the wife of Fred Lurvey, a daughter.

Norway, Dec 25, to the wife of Wm. C. Leavitt, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Bethel, Dec. 29, Irving Kimball and Miss May L. Holt, both of East Bethel.

Bethel, Dec. 26, Thomas S. Hutchins and Miss Hattie M. Harris.

Norway, Dec. 23, by Rev. B. S. Rideout, Walter B. Abbott and Miss Lilian D. McKay, both of Norway.

Wilson's Mills, Dec. 24, by R. A. Storey, Mr. Dennis Gallant and Miss Emma May Gilbert. No cards.

DEATHS.

So. Paris, Dec. 21, Adelbert Ernest, son of G. S. Morse, aged 15 yr., 5 mo., 4 dys.

Paris, Dec. 17, Addie L. Bumpus, aged 42 yr., 6 mos.

Bethel, Dec. 25, Fannie E., youngest child of R. L. and Elizabeth Cummings, aged 6 years and 6 days.

Children's Column.

Conducted by Lena B. Ellingwood.

We are pleased to receive contributions of all sorts, letters, stories, poems, etc., for this department, and all communications should be addressed to Mrs. A. D. Ellingwood, Bethel, Me.

THE GRAY KITTY.

BY LENA B. ELLINGWOOD.

The little gray kitty is lame,
And you, doubtless, would be the same,
If from morning till night
You were kept in a fright
By one who delighted to maim.

The baby is dainty and fair,
With sweet little face and soft hair;
You never would dream
That so cruel she'd seem,
But the gray kitty has much to bear.

For the kitty is raised by the tail,
And is shut in a pasteboard jail:
And often he's dressed
In the rag dolly's best,
Though he keeps up a mournful wail.

Through fire and through water he's gone;
For one direful, terrible morn,
In the sink he was set,
And with cold water wet,
Till he shivered and shook most forlorn.

And again, he was thrown in the fire,
And the flames danced up higher and higher.
Kitty quickly sprang out,
Saved his life, without doubt,
But the smell of burnt fur filled the air.

Upstairs he was taken today,
When the baby went up there to play;
From the window was thrown,
Hurt his foot on a stone,
And on three paws went limping away.

In gentle or riotous game,
To the baby 'tis always the same;
The gray kitty must play,
Though he plainly says, "Nay!"
'Tis no wonder the kitty is lame.

Children's Letters.

Mr. Editor:-

Grandpa showed me a paper that you printed, and I see there is a children's column in it, and that you invite the little folks to write something for it. Grandpa has written for the OXFORD DEMOCRAT and other papers, and says anyone can learn lots by doing so, that it is almost like going to school. I thought I would begin by sending you a few lines of something, and if you print it, I will keep on.

You wanted us to write something about our school. There are eleven scholars going to school this fall. My teacher's name is Lula M. Penley; she is a very good teacher. I study reading, spelling, arithmetic, physiology, geography, grammar, history, and writing. The teacher boards at my house.

Next time I will tell you about my pets and playmates. I am nine years old, my name is.

Lydia E. Swan.

Upton, Maine, Dec. 7, 1896.

Dear Editor:-

I thought I would write a letter to the children's column.

I am eleven years old. I go to school. I study arithmetic, spelling, history, geography, grammar, and read in the fifth reader. I like my teacher very much; her name is Franc L. Otis. I have three brothers; their names are Gerry, Harry and Grover.

My oldest brother, Gerry L. Brooks, who is now attending school at Gould's Academy, Bethel, Maine, one day last week shot and killed two fine buck deer. They are said to be the largest shot in this part of the country. He was gone from the house about one-half hour. He saw them fighting and shot and hit one, but they kept on fighting just the same. He got up to within four feet of them upon a log, and the large one had the other one down. He shot at the smaller one, and the larger one where he had hit it before rolled over dead, and the smaller one dragged itself about thirty feet and then dropped dead. They each had a fine set of antlers. One weighed two hundred forty-three pounds, the other two hundred seventy-one pounds. I live on the Umbagog Lake.

Very truly yours,

Agnes A. Brooks.

Newry, Maine, Dec. 7. 1896.

Dear Editor:-

I am ten years old. I never wrote to the BETHEL NEWS before. My home is in Newry. My mother is dead, and I am staying at Sunday River going to school. I have a little sister four years old; her name is Alta; she lives at Mr. Smith's in Bethel. I like to go to school. When it is stormy we have a horse who carries us to school; his name is Ben. When we get to the school-house, 'most a mile from our home, we turn the horse round and he goes home alone. We don't know if he turns out and gives people half the road when he meets teams, but he gets home all right.

We raised some ducks last spring; we sold two of them, the other has a large topknot. We have a large Shepherd dog, his name is Prince. We have two cats; their names are Captain and James. Captain is a kitten, and we have him to play with; James is a large black and white cat, and catches rats and mice.

I know how to knit; I have just finished knitting a pair of mittens for my father a Christmas present.

Yours truly,

Effie Searle.

Newry, Me., Dec. 7th, 1896.

Dear Mr. Editor;

I am going to school. My teacher's name is Alice Barker. She is a good teacher.

My brother Everett and I have done some trapping this fall. We have caught two skunks, two rabbits, two foxes and a mink. The first fox we caught was a large one. When we found him in the trap he would hide in the brush so we could not kill him. I held a stick toward him; he would bite it, and I would pull him out of the brush with the stick; then Everett would hit him with a club. After we had got some of the fight out of Mr. Fox, we took him to the brook and drowned him.

We have sold the fur for three dollars and seventy-five cents; we shall put the money in the savings bank.

I am glad that winter has come, for I like to slide down hill and skate.

I am eight years old. I hope you will print my letter.

Yours truly,

Grover Brown.

How Dogs Go to Sleep—A Funny Composition—The Game of Telegrams. Two Children In Disgrace.

What does a dog generally do when it goes to its bed, be it indoors or out? Perhaps you say, "Go to sleep." Well, he sleeps, of course, sooner or later, but most dogs are rather fussy, as it seems to us, before they settle down and lie still. True, we are a little like them, because, when we put our heads upon the pillow at night, we often move about till we feel comfortable and turn from side to side. Especially do children and grown up folk do this who have long hair, for they cannot rest till it lies smoothly. But a dog has a peculiar and funny way of turning round before he goes to sleep. Some people say he usually turns three times. I have noticed dogs make several more than that number. We could understand this certainly, supposing it was the habit of rough, hairy dogs only, but smooth skinned dogs have just the same way of twisting about. A boy who had seen how they did this said that he thought they were trying to find the head of the bed. It seems more likely that the dogs move till they make a place where their heads can lie comfortably.

One of our great naturalists has studied this habit of our tame dogs, and he thinks they do it because the wild dogs who were their ancestors had to turn when they laid down among the long grass of the prairies, so as to make a space, or they would not have had enough air. Here is another curious thing which has been noticed: You know the sun every day seems to move from the east to the west, but a dog, when he turns round in his bed, moves, as much as he can, just the other way, from west toward east. And if you look at some of the climbing plants in any garden where you may be walking you might see that each kind has its own way of twisting or twining; some go with the sun and some do not. We can easily notice the difference if we look at a hop plant and a convolvulus, but the cause of it, in either animals or plants, we cannot tell.

As to this habit of turning round before sleeping, however, it is not with dogs only that it is usual, for the same thing is done by many cats, though they are not quite so fidgety, and just go round once or twice, then quickly roll themselves into a ball. But a noise which would wake up a dog and keep him on the watch for a long time has no effect upon a cat. The two animals are different in nature. One thing more I may add, by way of advice: If you come anywhere upon a dog that is sleeping, don't touch it. Very often dogs at first waking are inclined to snap. Hence the truth of an old proverb, "Let sleeping dogs lie."

Naming Nails.

Any boy who has been about a carpenter shop or has handled a saw and hammer himself knows all about the different kinds of nails—fourpenny, eightpenny, tenpenny and so on—and perhaps he has sometimes wondered why the different sizes are known as "pennies." The reason, as St. Nicholas gives it, is this:

Originally an eightpenny nail, for example, was called an "eight pound" nail, because 1,000 nails of that particular size weighed eight pounds. Carpenters were not particular about pronouncing the names very clearly, and in a short time an eight pound nail was known as an "eight pun" nail. From that it became changed to "eight pen," and then somebody, thinking "pen" was a contraction for "penny," changed it to "eightpenny," and that's the way it has remained to this day. It is somewhat curious that a pound should have worked its way down to a penny and that when we say penny we really mean pound.

A Funny Composition.

Here is a funny composition which a boy wrote about Thanksgiving and which the New York Times considered worth reporting:

"Thanksgiving was brought over from England by the Puritan fathers in the year 1620. It has staid here ever since. On Thanksgiving everybody goes to church in the morning, so as to have everything out of the way before dinner. Then you come home and hang around a little while and get awful hungry smelling the turkey. After dinner Thanksgiving is over."

The Game of Telegrams.

The game of telegrams may be played by asking each one of your guests in turn to suggest the initial letters that shall compose the words of the message. A writer in The Ladies' Home Journal gives as an example one made use of at a party the other evening. The letters furnished were C. T. M. M. W. B. H. C. P. T. S. T. D., and the message one person made from them was: "Come, Thanksgiving morning. Mother will be here. Come prepared to stay to dinner."

Gold Anklets on a Girl Cyclist.

At one of the London railway termini the other day a handsome and stylish looking girl created considerable interest. She was wearing a becoming cycling dress and had her machine with her. Her skirts were short enough to display a massive gold cable chain anklet just above her left ankle. If her object was to attract attention to the undoubted "shapeliness" of that portion of her anatomy and to an uncommonly neat pair of oxford shoes, she was eminently successful, for all eyes were turned downward toward her feet as presenting quite an interesting novelty.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Property and Industry.

Property is the fruit of labor. Property is desirable, is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is encouragement to industry and enterprise. Let no man who is homeless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus, by example, assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when it is built.—Abraham Lincoln.

The white camellia has been a favorite flower in France ever since the publication of Dumas' "La Dame aux Camelias." In that country it is regarded as symbolic of loveliness.

Stock Taking Time

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Each Man's Share of the Globe.

There is no immediate prospect that the landed surface of the globe will be divided up and allotted in equal shares to each of its human inhabitants, but if such a time ever does come it will be found that each will get a little truck farm of 23½ acres. The landed surface of the globe contains, as near as it is possible for the geographers to ascertain, 33,600,000,000 acres, which, divided among the 1,500,000,000 inhabitants which the world contains, according to the latest official estimates, would give each of them a tract of land of the area mentioned above.

Taking the entire population of the world into consideration there are almost exactly 28 inhabitants to each square mile. The following figures showing the number of persons, omitting fractions, to a square mile in the several divisions of the globe are from the best authorities on human family statistics: Europe, 88; Asia, 46; Africa, 18; North America, 9; South America, 4; Oceanica and the polar regions, 2.—St. Louis Republic.

His Middle Name.

Cassius Marcellus Loomis of Chicago tells the Chicago Tribune how he found out what his middle name and that of Cassius M. Clay was. At his birth he was named Cassius M., after Clay. "But," he says, "no one thought to inquire what the letter M stood for in the name. Time ran on for some 38 years, when the newly born, having inherited an inquisitive turn of mind, wrote Mr. Clay for the desired information. Mr. Clay responded, sending his namesake a photograph of himself and a friendly note, in which, instead of stating directly what his middle name was, he quoted two lines from Pope's 'Essay on Man:'

"And more pure joy Marcellus exiled feels
Than Cæsar with a senate at his heels.

and added, 'You will find your name in the above couplet.'"

A Yale Prank.

The Hartford Courant tells a story of Yale in the old days. The boys used to bribe the printers' "devils" to get proofs of the examination papers for them. When the college authorities put a stop to this practice, a bright idea seized one fellow, and he saved the whole suffering party. He hired one of the printers (it was summer) to wear a pair of white trousers to the office and at noon to sit down on the form in which were locked the precious questions. The inky seat of that pair of trousers sold for a deal more than the clothes were worth in their original spotlessness and relief was secured.

Cured.

Mother—You say your husband no longer spends his evenings at the club?

Daughter—I soon broke him of that.

"How did you manage it?"

"Before going to bed I put two easy chairs together by the parlor fire and then held a match to a cigar until the room got a faint odor of smoke."—Puck.

MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY.
STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss:—Jan. 4th, A. D. 1897.

This is to give notice, that on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1897, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of

BENJAMIN R. HOWARD of Norway, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1897, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; that the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said County, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

CHANDLER GARLAND, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger to the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford. 3w32

Notice!

This is to give notice that I have purchased the meat business of D. D. Matheson of Bethel and shall continue at the old stand.

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FRESH MEAT,
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Notice!

Notice is hereby given that EVAN S. BEAN has notified the Bethel Savings Bank in writing that he has lost his deposit book No. 125 issued by said bank and that he desires a duplicate book issued to him.
A. E. HERRICK,
Treas. Bethel Savings Bank.
Bethel, Me., Dec. 18, 1896. 3w30

Do you know the quickest way to cure a sprain or bruise, a burn or scald? Such injuries are very common and can be cured quickly if properly treated. Mr. J. M. Amerman, of Forks P. O., Columbia Co., Pa., says: "I have never found anything to compare with Chamberlain's Pain Balm for sprains, bruises and burns. We have used it in our family for several years, and feel that we can not do without it." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, Me., and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond, Me.

The County News.

SHORT PARAGRAPHS Collected by our Local Correspondents, for the BETHEL NEWS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

You are earnestly requested to send us the news from your locality every week. If you get out of stationery drop us a line.

In every town where we have not already got a correspondent we would like to make arrangements with some person to furnish us with items. Write us.

WEST BETHEL.

Blow hot, blow cold; to-day one freezes,
To-morrow 'tis like June;
"One puffs to-day, to-morrow sneezes,"
Is everywhere the tune.

Good skating now-a-days.

Weather wisdom is at a discount.

John Adams of Albany is stopping for a season at Lewis Tyler's.

April weather is with us, and more wagons than sleighs are used.

The prophet who in the fall predicted a long and cold winter, and went into his den in November, is now thawing out.

Our guests on Sunday last were Mr. and Mrs. John Wight of Gilead with their two children, and Eugene Briggs of Bethel Hill.

If Dec. 25th and the eleven days following, show what the weather is to be for twelve months, we shall have no storms during 1897.

Miss Hattie A. Grover, after an illness of many weeks, is now able to do some dress-making in addition to her housework, and it is hoped may soon regain her usual health.

Dr. Charles B. Brooks of Greenwood was in town last week, and intended going to Gorham, N. H., but lack of snow caused him to change his plans, and he has probably gone to Newry and Grafton this week. He is selling medicines of his own preparation.

Sunday was a beautiful day, and Rev. Mr. Wheeler and wife came up from West Paris, a distance of about twenty miles, in an open carriage, to hold their regular fortnightly meeting. With good roads and warm sunshine they undoubtedly expected to see a good attendance in a village now noted for its interest in church matters, so we may judge of their astonishment to greet a congregation of *three*, two women and one man.

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

C. L. Grover is boarding at I. H. Wilson's for a week or two.

Willie Parker is at work for George Chapman harvesting ice.

James Bartlett and George Swan have returned home to East Bethel, to wait for snow.

I. H. Wilson and R. G. Lane are cutting ice in the river, where it is two feet in thickness.

James and Herbert Tyler have gone to Groveton, N. H., to take home a horse that belonged to Dr. Tyler.

Mrs. H. H. Wilson received a photograph of her brother in St. Louis, Mo., Mr. A. P. Oliver, sitting at his desk in his office, with pen in hand.

Mr. Spofford employed two men from Prince Edward Island to work in the woods, one of whom took cold and is now slowly recovering from a severe illness.

Mrs. I. H. Wilson was the recipient of a nice box of presents from V. L. Wilson and family, of Dorchester, Mass. Old and young in the family at home were remembered, and were made happy and grateful.

NEWRY.

Allan McDonald was in this town Monday.

There is to be a lyceum in the Branch school-house Wednesday evening.

Mr. James Barker and wife from Methuen, Mass., with his sister, Mamie Barker, who has been visiting them, also John Allen, arrived at N. S. Baker's Monday afternoon.

MARSHALL HILL.

Fine weather, but bad sleighing.

Geo. Briggs went to Bethel, Thursday of last week.

Arriel Carver swapped horses with Chas. Grover recently.

Mr. Geo. Fernald of Bethel is hauling wood from C. H. Fernald's mill.

Arriel Carver and family spent the evening at G. W. Brigg's New Year's eve.

Mr. Will Holt of Greenwood called at G. W. Briggs' last Saturday and bought three pigs of him.

G. W. Briggs has finished hauling strips for Mr. C. H. Fernald, and is hauling pine from his lot to James. Brown's mill at North Waterford.

Sore Throat Quickly Cured.

Not long ago in speaking of sore throat, and the difficulty experienced in curing it, Mr. J. E. Thomas, of Uniondale, Pa., told how he had often cured it in his family. We give it in his own words: "I have frequently used Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my family for sore throat and it has effected a speedy cure in every instance. I would not think of getting along in my home without it." Pain Balm also cures rheumatism, sprains and bruises. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by G. R. Wiley Bethel, and G.O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

MASON.

A. S. Bean started his mill Monday.

Some of the farmers are putting in their ice.

D. E. Mills is cutting wood for Gilman Bean.

Archie Hutchinson has bought a cow of O. G. Mason.

Archie Hutchinson is cutting birch for O. G. Mason.

Samuel O. Grover has sold his oxen to John Lord of Albany.

E. H. Morrill bought a yoke of cattle of John Lord this week.

E. H. Morrill has two four-ox teams drawing logs to West Bethel for A. S. Bean.

Rev. Insley Bean and wife of South Paris were in town visiting friends, the past week.

UPTON.

A number of farmers are getting their harvest of ice.

Ernest Sargent is doing chores at Arthur Strickland's.

Alvah Coolidge is home from Whitney's camp, Richardson Lake.

The snow is fast leaving us; already, there is lots of bare ground.

F. Ellingwood and wife of West Paris visited relatives in town the past week.

Will Sargent has let his horse for its keeping through the winter to Mrs. Ed C. Chase.

HANOVER.

There was a dance in Union Hall New Year's eve.

C. P. Bartlett is seen riding in a new two seated sleigh.

Solon Putman has built a new ice house and is now filling it with ice.

Miss Helen Roberts returned to school last Monday after spending the holidays at home.

C. C. Lovejoy and wife passed though town today on their way to their home in Andover.

What delightful weather we are having! 70 degrees above zero today in the sun, Jan. 3rd.

Aunt Hannah Stearns is slowly improving, and it is hoped she may recover and live to a good old age.

Mrs. W. B. Russell has resigned her position as P. M.; O. P. Russell has been appointed as the new P. M., and the office has been moved to his store.

MAGALLOWAY.

M. C. Linnell went to Berlin Thursday.

N. W. Bennett went to Colebrook Saturday.

There is very little snow here now. Just enough for good sleighing.

Leonard Leavitt, the well known bear hunter, is at Lewis Leavitt's, suffering from a severe attack of lameness.

Mt. Duston Grange held its election of officers Saturday night with a large number present: Master, Lewis Leavitt; Overseer, D. A. Cameron; Lecturer, Mrs. D. A. Cameron; Steward, R. A. Storey.

GREENWOOD.

Sylvester Yates and wife made a call at George Cole's Sunday.

Mrs. F. L. Willis and brother made a visit at Slab City last Sunday.

Mr. Willis has his mill ready to saw. This is hard weather for lumbering.

Mr. W. O. Emmons and family spent last Sabbath at his father's, J. F. Emmons.

Mr. J. R. Foster's health is very poor. He has his ice put in and is now waiting for snow.

This is hard weather for our cream collector, Mr. J. C. F. Roberts, neither sledding or wheeling.

Messrs. Hamlin and Merrill are doing what they can yarding their lumber, but are, like all the rest, wishing for snow.

Master Fred Foster has nine young cattle to care for. They gave him quite a race last Sunday, running a mile or more. Master Fred's face was pretty red before he got them in the barn again.

FRYEBURG HARBOR.

The Methodist circle met with Mrs. Howard last week.

The Mud City circle meets next with Mrs. Orrin Barrows.

Warren Durgan visited his sister, Mrs. Orrin Barrows, last week.

The NEWS for four months, or more, for only 35¢. Take it now and get the war articles by Col. C. S. Edwards. You will get the NEWS as long as these articles run.

We hear that they had a very nice time in Stowe. A Christmas tree was loaded with gifts, and the speaking and singing were very nice. Both churches were crowded.

Christmas at the Harbor church passed off very pleasantly. The program consisted of singing and speaking, and the little ones especially did their part well. The tree was loaded with presents, and George Smith of Lovell was the happy possessor of four baby dolls.

All pain banished by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

HER LIFE TRULY SAVED.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure Does It.

Mrs. Chas. La Point, a well-known resident of Denver, praises this wonderful remedy. Her testimony should convince all as to the worth of the New Heart Cure and Restorative Nervine. Her letter dated Sept. 11th, 1894, reads as follows:

MRS. LA POINT, 2137 Humboldt St.

"Typhoid fever left me with heart trouble of the most serious nature. Nothing the doctors gave had any effect. I had severe pains in the heart, and was unable to lie on my left side for more than three minutes at a time. My heart seemed to miss beats, and I had smothering spells, in which it seemed every breath would be my last. We accidently saw an advertisement of

Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure

and Restorative Nervine, and purchased a bottle of each. After taking the remedies a week, I could be lifted in a chair and sit up an hour, and in a short time I was able to do light housework. I shall be ever grateful to you for your wonderful medicines. Truly they saved my life.
MRS. CHAS. LA POINT.

Dr. Miles Heart Cure is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. All druggists sell it at $1, 6 bottles for $5, or it will be sent, prepaid, on receipt of price by the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure Restores Health.

Sanborn Brook.

Few persons outside of this immediate vicinity have any idea of the amount of lumbering done here every winter. There has been a million of lumber got out and sawed this year. Geo. Cole is getting out 300 cords of white birch for A. S. Bean of West Bethel. The West Paris Bicycle Factory are getting out some 400 M. of hard wood to make wood rims of; J. C. F. Roberts has some 300 cords of wood, cut last winter, to be hauled to West Paris. H. Curtis has a portable mill about a mile from here, and he has some 600 cords of stove wood fitted beside quite a lot of lumber. J. R. Foster has a large farm, mill, and some 600 acres of lumber. He is getting out this year 30 M. of hub stock for Paris Manufacturing Co., several cars of poplar pulp wood, some 10 M. of lumber for his own use and 25 cords of stove wood. About this amount has been cut every winter and is quite a help to the laboring class. This is only one corner of the town; a number of other places in town do as much.

DENMARK.

Charles Wood and son Fred killed two good hogs for A. H. Witham last week, one weighing three hundred and fifty and the other four hundred and fifty pounds.

One of the lumbermen drawing lumber at Berry's Mills lost a nice young horse last week, weighing some fourteen hundred pounds. He was taken sick and died.

The Christmas festival was an enjoyable season. The exercises were very excellent, and the trees were well loaded with presents.

Lill Wilson and Delia Pingree, who are at the same place in Boston, are home for the holidays.

The High and Primary schools at the village commenced another term Monday.

James Head, Fred Sanborn and Austin Wentworth are putting in their ice from Grandeur Pond.

Several parties who sent their apples away on commission get nothing for them, and in some cases are in debt fifteen cents on a barrel.

News comes to-night that a man was found frozen to death in Sebago Sunday night.

George Trumbull of Denmark, and Minnie Bartlett of Brownfield, were married the twenty-third.

ALBANY.

Christmas has passed.

The Sunday school in the Clark district united with the one at the Corner on Christmas eve and together they loaded two Christmas trees for Santa Claus to shake, which he did, distributing presents to almost all, so it seemed he thought the children very good this year. The committee who had the thing in charge, put the house in fine shape by the use of evergreen. The children were well trained. There were many recitations and dialogues interspersed with music both instrumental and vocal. Miss Fern Johnson and Nina Bean sang the song entitled, the Star of Bethlehem, which was finely rendered, and in fact we ought to mention several by name and would do so if we could feel that we were competent judges.

MILAN, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Vincent have a young son.

Orvis Twitchell is home from Boston on a visit.

Dan. and Mary Wight of Dummer are attending the private school here this winter.

About forty-five people from West Milan attended the services here last Sunday evening.

George Hamlin and wife were made happy last week by the arrival of a daughter.

Rev. Mr. Land of Lisbon, N. H., conducted services here during last week and will continue them through the coming week.

Last Sunday morning, E. P. Twitchell was stricken down with a shock. As yet it is uncertain whether he will recover or not.

ADVANCE IN SURGERY.

How It Differs Now From What It Was Fifty Years Ago.

The Horror of the Knife Up to the Discovery of Anæsthesia—Danger as Well as Pain In the Operation—First Use of Ether by Dr. William T. G. Morton.

One of the most interesting papers read at the celebration in Boston of the fiftieth anniversary of the first administration of ether in a surgical operation, says the Philadelphia Record, was that by Dr. John Ashhurst of this city on "Surgery Before the Days of Anæsthetics." It vividly recalls the horrors of those days when the surgeon's knife was an object of far greater terror than now and inflicted untold tortures upon the conscious patient.

"A study of the condition of surgery before the days of anæsthesia," said Dr. Ashhurst, "reveals on the one hand a picture of heroic boldness and masterly self control on the part of the surgeon, and on the other a ghastly panorama, sometimes of stoic fortitude and endurance, sometimes of abject terror and humiliation—but always of agonizing wretchedness and pain—on the part of the unhappy victim who required the surgeon's aid.

"The 'pitilessness' which Celsus urged as an essential trait in the operative surgeon was, before the days of anæsthesia, a feature in the surgeon's career which impressed very strongly the public generally as well as those immediately connected with the operation. It is interesting to recall that Sir James Simpson of Edinburgh, shortly after beginning his professional studies, was so affected by 'seeing the terrible agony of a poor Highland woman under amputation of the breast' that he resolved to abandon a medical career and seek other occupation. Happily his intention was reconsidered, and he returned to his studies, asking himself, 'Can anything be done to make operations less painful?' and, as every one knows, in less than 20 years he became a high priest of anæsthesia and the introducer into surgical and obstetrical practice of ether's great rival, chloroform.

"No braver or more gallant gentleman ever lived than Admiral Viscount Nelson, and after his right elbow had been shattered by a French bullet in the assault at Tenerife he manifested the utmost courage, refusing to be taken to the nearest ship lest the sight of his injury should alarm the wife of a fellow officer whose own fate was uncertain, and when his own ship was reached he climbed up its side without assistance, saying: 'Tell the surgeon to make haste and get his instruments. I know I must lose my right arm, so the sooner it is off the better.' 'He underwent the amputation,' we learn from a private letter of one of his midshipmen, 'with the same firmness and courage that have always marked his character.' And yet so painfully was he affected by the coldness of the operator's knife that when next going into action at the famous battle of the Nile he gave standing orders to his surgeons that hot water should always be kept in readiness during an engagement, so that if another operation should be required he might at least have the poor comfort of being cut with warm instruments.

"On the side of the surgeon we find throughout the ages a constant effort to diminish the terrors of operations and a continuous reprobation of the distressful, not to say cruel, modes of practice adopted by preceding generations. And yet the time is not very far distant from ours when they lopped off a limb by striking it violently with a heavy knife; that time when they knew neither how to stop nor how to prevent hemorrhage but by burning the part whence the blood jetted with boiling oil or the redhot iron; that time when surgeons armed themselves at every moment with pinchers, with burning canteries and with instruments the representations even of which cause terror.

"But the presence of pain was not the only evil dreaded by our predecessors in attempting important operations. The great risk of fatal accident from some involuntary movement of the patient was constantly present to the mind of the conscientious surgeon. 'How often,' says Dr. Valentine Mott, 'when operating in some deep, dark wound, along the course of some great vein, with thin walls alternately distended and flaccid with the vital current—how often have I dreaded that some unfortunate struggle of the patient would deviate the knife a little from its proper course and that I, who fain would be the deliverer, should involuntarily become the executioner, seeing my patient perish in my hands by the most appalling form of death! Had he been insensible I should have felt no alarm.'

"Coming down to the days more immediately preceding the date of the great discovery, we find that opium and alcohol were the only agents which continued to be regarded as of practical value in diminishing the pain of operations, though the attendant disadvantages of their employment were of course recognized. Meanwhile facts were accumulating the significance of which we now plainly recognize, but which excited no attention.

"Sir Humphry Davy, in the early days of the nineteenth century, suggested the use of nitrous oxide gas as an anæsthetic in minor operations, and it was the custom at some of our medical schools—at the University of Pennsylvania, for one—for students to breathe 'laughing gas,' as it was then called, for diversion. But yet—and yet—surgeons went on, in every country, cutting and burning, and patients went on writhing and screaming, until on the 16th day of October, in the year 1846, in the Massachusetts General hospital, Dr. John C. Warren painlessly removed a tumor from a man who had previously been etherized by Dr. William T. G. Morton, and surgical anæsthesia became the priceless heritage of the civilized world."

Quite Another Sort of Man.

A distinguished divine of unusually solemn and impressive appearance went to a country town to lecture. He arrived early in the afternoon, and all the town, of course, spotted him within five minutes as a very great and very saintly man. He went into a chemist's shop and in tones that froze the young blood of the shopman said:

"Young—man—do—you—smoke?"

"Y-yes, sir," said the trembling clerk. "I'm sorry, but I learned the habit young and haven't been able to leave it off."

"Then," said the great divine without the movement of a muscle or the abatement of a shade of the awful solemnity of his voice, "can you tell me where I can get a good cigar?"—Pearson's Weekly.

The Feminine Instinct.

"I admit that as yet woman is not absolutely certain of her sphere," said the high browed lady.

"I thought as much," said the base man. "If she felt that it was really and truly her own, she would already have had it decorated with pink ribbons."—Indianapolis Journal.

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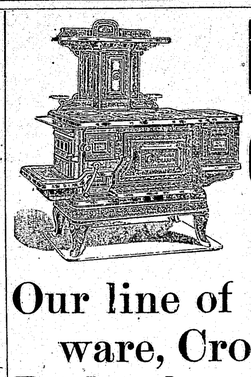
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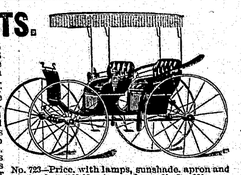
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ACCOUNT OF A HOAX.

STORY OF THE MOHICAN'S LOSS IN THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN.

How "Lying Tom Barrett" Came to Tell the Yarn—A Rivalry Had Grown Up Among the Munchausens, but the Mohican Lie Was a Little Too Much.

Very many persons may remember the story that was telegraphed and cabled all over the world in the summer of 1895 of the sinking of the United States revenue cutter Mohican by the British seal pirate Belle of the Pacific somewhere in that indefinite part of the north Pacific ocean known to all Alaskans as "the westward." Not so many probably will remember that the story was a fake, because it is the lamentable history of such things that the truth never completely overtakes the lie. It was a lie out of whole cloth, as was demonstrated when the Mohican turned up all right that fall at the end of the patrol season, but the manner of its publication has not been told.

This lie began to have its being years ago when the steamers first began to take tourists from "down below," as Alaskans call the States, up through the gorgeous scenery of the north Pacific coast line for a peep at the northern territory. As a usual thing the tourists spend eight or ten hours ashore at Juneau and as much more in Sitka. Sometimes they make a dash up to Muir glacier. Altogether they see a lot of the country in a panoramic sort of way, and they hear a great deal more about it. It is one of the lands where the blindest bluffs hold good and the wildest tales are true. So when they get back to the States again, the tourists begin to unfold to their friends and their friends' friends and to their acquaintances and to anybody who will listen, particularly to overcredulous newspaper men, the wildest tales that human ingenuity can devise.

For a long time the Alaskans did their best to chase down these lies, but they failed. The liar had all the advantages of telegraphs and daily mails and the widespread publicity given by the too credulous newspaper men. Then the Alaskans gave up the direct attack and took up the gentle art of lying themselves. They had so much time to practice when there was nothing else to interfere that every two weeks, when the mailboat came in, a fine new crop of marvelous stories had been carefully harvested for dissemination in the States. The steamship men were always the medium through which these stories were communicated to the credulous public of Oregon, Washington and California. These steamship men rapidly acquired a large reputation with the readers of thrilling newspaper accounts of brave newspaper deeds. The people on the Pacific coast seem to be singularly open minded and receptive. But even they caught on after awhile to the fact that the Alaskans were jollying them. Then resentment took the natural form, and you couldn't find a Pacific coast man with a horse rake who would believe an Alaska steamship man's story if the narrator was literally incased in Bibles.

It developed through the somewhat general competition that as a compounder of able tales Tom Barrett was easily at the head. He won his distinction and his title at the same time, springing from comparative obscurity in the ranks of liars by one successful coup. Barrett was in the employ of a trading company at the westward. He rolled into Sitka one day with the most astonishing stories of the auriferous riches of Middleton island, a little chunk of rock and sand that had been heaved up above the water by some submarine volcanic eruption far out in the middle of the north Pacific ocean. All Alaska that could go started for Middleton island on the strength of Barrett's yarns, and all Alaska that couldn't go grub staked somebody who could. When the excitement was over and those who went to Middleton island had got back and those who didn't go were out their grub stakes, the man who had started the rush spontaneously became known to all Alaska as "Lying Tom Barrett."

"Lying Tom Barrett" told the yarn about the Mohican to the newspaper man in Port Townshend, who telegraphed a column of it to his paper in Seattle and started it around the world. Barrett was coming down from Alaska and on the way put up the job with the steamship men to spring a yarn that should make a sensation in the States. The steamship men knew they couldn't make it go themselves, but they agreed to back Barrett up in whatever he said and to give him a good send off if there was effort at verification. So when the steamer put in at Port Townshend, Barrett got himself interviewed, and the next day the world was reading "Captain Thomas Barrett's" remarkable story of the loss of the Mohican. When the yarn got back to Juneau and Sitka, there were some Alaskans who laughed mightily at the hoax, but others, who knew the officers of the Mohican thought of the cruelty of it to the relatives and friends of the cutter's men, and on the whole Barrett's story did not meet with the approval even of the liars. That was carrying the thing too far. Harmless stories about islands of gold or impossible customs of unheard of people were well enough, but this lie turned the tide in favor of truthfulness, and now Alaskans are more circumspect in their stories about the territory. But Barrett will never be anybody but "Lying Tom" to them.—New York Sun.

A Rossini Mot.

Arditi prints in his reminiscences a pleasant little mot of Rossini. When Mme. Arditi was first presented to him, the great composer bowed and said, "Now I know why Arditi composed 'Il Bacio' ('The Kiss')." Again, when Arditi had done Rossini some trifling service, the composer was profuse in thanks and cordially offered him as a souvenir "one of my wigs," which were arranged on stands on the chiffonier.

RUSSIAN WOMEN.

Not Long Ago They Were Treated as the Turkish Women Are.

It is curious to think what a short time it is since the emperors of Russia treated their womankind in the same way they are still treated in Turkey, says a writer in the Montreal Star. In those days the czar chose his wife from among his subjects, and she was never considered his equal. The matters were arranged in this way—on a certain day the nobles brought their young daughters to be looked at, and she who took the emperor's fancy was forthwith chosen to be his wife.

The princesses were kept with the same strictness as eastern princesses, and marriage only changed their place of residence, but gave them no more freedom. They were allowed occasionally to be present when guests were received, to whom they would hand a cup of wine and then retire to their apartments, there being a suit of rooms at the north side of the palace reserved especially for them.

If they were ill, the room was darkened before the doctor was admitted, and he was not even allowed to feel their pulse, and when they drove out the windows of their carriages had drawn curtains.

The first czarina who emancipated herself from this state of slavery, and so instituted a new and happier era for Russian women, was the beautiful Nathalie Neryschki, the second wife of Alexis Michaelovitch and the mother of Peter the Great, and her first triumph was when she obtained her husband's consent to drive with him in an open carriage to the monastery of Troitzky, a proceeding which at the time occasioned a great scandal.

Naturally, when the Russian princes began to intermarry with other European royal families, they were obliged to treat their wives differently, but it was a long time before the court of Russia became as civilized as the rest of Europe.

A Civilized Monkey.

There is a monkey in the Bellevue Zoological gardens of Manchester, England, that rides a bicycle, plays a violin and bugle, though he does not extract much music; sits at a table to eat, uses soap and towel when making his toilet and shaves himself. When riding his wheel, he rings the bell almost constantly, not so much to alarm pedestrians as because he enjoys the sound. He smokes cigars and cigarettes and eagerly picks up a stump when he finds it. He is afraid of the fire and will not hold a match or lighted paper to light a pipe or cigar, but scratches a match and hands it to his trainer. He has learned to box, and in a fight with another monkey used his fists like a pugilist.—New York Tribune.

The wheat fly feeds upon the flower of the wheat, while the hessian fly lays its eggs in the stem. The former thus renders the flower abortive, while the injury done by the latter affects the whole plant.

A bushel of potatoes equals 56 pounds in Pennsylvania and 60 in nearly all the other states.

THE GOLDEN STATE.

California Is Widely Celebrated, but Little Known.

In the first place, California is known not by what millions of people have seen, but by what millions have read. Europe is better known by contact to Americans than California. A prominent American author recently "discovered" California and filled the newspapers with the interesting and suggestive impressions it had made upon his mind. He had been to Europe 20 times and to the Pacific coast once, which is once oftener than many other distinguished travelers of the eastern seaboard. Still further, the Anglo-Saxon race is dealing with new conditions in California. Coming from dense forests, from a land of heavy rainfall and from a temperate climate, where winters are long and stern, it settled in treeless deserts, in a land of slight and peculiar rainfall and under a sky that never knows the winter. Finally California is in its infancy.

Born in a paroxysm of speculation—one of the wildest the world has seen—it has outlived a trying experience of lesser economic epilepsy and come to the threshold of its true career strengthened and purified by the extraordinary process. In less than half a century several farreaching changes have swept through the industrial and social life of the state, swiftly altering the conditions of labor and of business. Even for those living in the midst of these events it has been difficult to read their significance and estimate their influence on the ultimate character of the place and people. What wonder, then, that to the outside world California has meantime appeared like a jumble of gold, palms and oranges, of gilded millionaires and hopeless paupers, of enviable farmers living luxuriously on small sections of paradise and of servile alien laborers herded in stifling tenements? Such are the conflicting aspects of the Golden State to those who view it from afar.—William E. Smythe in Century.

SELECTING PICTURES.

In Choosing Paintings Get at the Intention of the Artist.

"The value of a picture depends upon what there is in it for its possessor," writes William Martin Johnson in The Ladies' Home Journal, on the "Selection and Framing of Pictures." "A painting by an amateur may be more precious in your eyes than one of Raphael's cartoons. Therefore sell your cartoon to the highest bidder, and when you outgrow the little painting buy back the cartoon if you have learned to see its beauty.

"No one can tell you how to understand art without your seeing it, studying it, living with it, any more than any one can tell you how to tell good cloth from bad. You must first have had experience with cloth. Learn a language before you try to converse. But do not go so far as to imagine that you must learn drawing and painting before you can appreciate pictures. The less you know about technique the more capable you will be of looking at a painting with an unprejudiced eye. Get at the artist's intention. Does he express an idea to you? Is he interesting in the way he tells his story? Does he convince you of a truth? If the picture is that of a head, does it impress you as having the characteristics of an individual? Does it look like a human being? Suppose a landscape is under discussion—do the trees sway, the clouds float? Is there any atmosphere in the painting? These are the tests of a painter's facility with language. But more than this is required—it is the intellectuality behind the brush. Herein lies the difference between sublime art and the commonplace."

How Grant Got the Name of Ulysses.

The story was curious. As related by the father afterward, it appeared that the common difficulty of choosing a name for the babe arose. Multitudes of suggestions only confused the young parents the more, until at last it was proposed to cast the names into a hat. This was done. A romantic aunt suggested Theodore. The mother favored Albert, in honor of Albert Gallatin. Grandfather Simpson voted for Hiram, because he considered it a handsome name. The drawing resulted in two names, Hiram and Ulysses.

Ulysses, it is said, was cast into the hat by Grandmother Simpson, who had been reading a translation of Fenelon's "Telemachus" and had been much impressed by the description of Ulysses given by Mentor to Telemachus. "He was gentle of speech, beneficent of mind." "The most patient of men." "He is the friend of truth. He says nothing that is false, but when it is necessary he concedes what is true. His wisdom is a seal upon his lips, which is never broken save for an important purpose."—Hamlin Garland in McClure's.

Figures Bothered Him.

Lord Randolph Churchill never knew anything even of simple arithmetic, which is possibly why he was made chancellor of the exchequer. Sir Algernon West tells how Randolph said to a clerk who put some figures before him, "I wish you would put those figures plainly so that I can understand them," and when the clerk said he had done his best and reduced them to decimals the chancellor of the exchequer exclaimed "Oh, I never could understand what those —— dots meant!"

Matrimonial Monster.

Chicago Editor—Are you the new reporter?

Chicago Reporter—Yes, sir.

"I'm going to send you out to write up a wedding. Ever have any experience at weddings?"

"Been married nine times, sir."—Yonkers Statesman.

The different sized flies frequently observed in houses are not, as commonly supposed, the younger or more fully grown members of the same family. All flies of the same species are of the same size.

An Actor of Shakespeare's Day.

He had trim, straight legs, this stranger, and a slender, lithe body in a tawny silken jerkin. Square shouldered, too, was he, and over one shoulder hung a plum colored cloak bordered with gold braid. His long hose were the color of his cloak, and his shoes were russet leather, with rosettes of plum and such high heels as Nick had never seen before. His bonnet was of tawny velvet, with a chain twisted round it, fastened by a jeweled brooch through which was thrust a curly cock feather. A fine white Holland linen shirt peeped through his jerkin at the throat, with a broad lace collar, and his short hair curled crisply all over his head. He had a little pointed beard, and the ends of his mustache were twisted so that they stood up fiercely on either side of his sharp nose. At his side was a long Italian poniard, in a sheath of russet leather and silver filigree, and he had a reckless, high and mighty fling about his stride that strangely took the eye.—John Bennett in St. Nicholas.

The quaking grass and sensitive plant symbolize agitation, the peculiar habit possessed by these of trembling at the slightest touch having no doubt suggested the symbolism.

SELECTIONS

Royal Phrasemaking.

Phrasemaking two or three generations ago played an important part in French politics. Louis XIV. had a literary prompter who used to prime him with phrases and plan for him scenes such as would excite the people's admiration.

"Your majesty will soon be going to the races," said this prompter one day. "You will find a notary entering the bets of two princes of the blood. When you see him, sire, make the remark: 'What is the use of this man? Ought there to be written contracts between gentlemen? Their word should be enough.'"

The scene came off—the prompter saw to that—and the courtiers exclaimed: "What a happy thought! How kingly! That is his style."

Another scene, more likely to impress the populace, was planned by this prompter. A sledging pleasure party was arranged for the king. Just as it was about to start several carts passed by, carrying wood to the poor of Paris.

"These are my sledges," said Louis, pointing to the loaded carts, and he declined to join the party.

Talleyrand coined for Louis XVIII the remark which he was reported to have used on the day he entered Paris:

"There is nothing changed; only a Frenchman the more in Paris."

As a matter of fact, the king did not trouble himself to utter the phrase, but Talleyrand inserted it in the journals of the day that the people might flatter themselves that their king had forgotten the past, and consequently there would be no change.

Perhaps the most striking phrase uttered by a modern king was spoken by King Humbert a few years ago, when the cholera was raging in Naples. He had been invited by the municipality of Genoa to a banquet, which he declined in these words:

"Men are feasting at Genoa; men are dying at Naples. I go to Naples."—Youth's Companion.

Worth More Dead.

Sir Wemyss Reid tells a story redolent of a grim shrewdness characteristic of canny Novocastrians. "There was a worthy, long since forgotten, in my time who was a prototype of Rogue Riderhood in 'Our Mutual Friend.' He was known as Cuckoo Jack, and he lived upon the Tyne in a well patched old boat, picking up any trifle that came his way from a derelict to a corpse. One day an elderly and most estimable Quaker of Newcastle, in stepping from a river steamboat to the quay, slipped and fell into the stream. Cuckoo Jack was at hand with his boat and quickly rescued the luckless Friend and landed him dripping on the quay. The good man drew half a crown from his pocket and solemnly handed it to his preserver. Jack eyed the coin for a moment with a lack luster gaze, spat upon it solemnly 'for luck' and, having placed it safely in his pocket, said in a matter of fact tone to the soaked Quaker, "Man, ah'd hev gotten 5 shillin for takin ye to the deadhoose.'"—London Telegraph.

The Lion Sermon.

The annual "lion sermon," preached in the Church of St. Katharine Cree, Leadenhall street, London, has been preached annually in the same church for 251 years. Its origin is due to one Sir John Gayer, a former lord mayor of London, who, traveling in a wild part of Asia far in advance of his attendants, suddenly found himself alone and face to face with a lion. Being a pious man, Sir John fell on his knees and prayed God to protect him in his hour of need. The prayer was answered, for on rising Sir John saw the animal walking away. Considering his escape miraculous, on his return to London Sir John set aside a fund from the interest of which gifts were to be purchased for distribution to the poor on each succeeding anniversary and a sermon be preached to tell future generations how God heard his prayer and delivered him from the mouth of the lion.

Benson and Tom Mann.

A writer in Goodwill says that Tom Mann once accused the clergy of not sympathizing with the poor. Archbishop Benson, hearing of this, invited him to Lambeth and taxed him with it. Going up to the bookshelf he took down a book and began reading. "This," said the archbishop, "is written by a clergyman. What do you think of it?" "Oh, that's all right," said Tom Mann. "Who wrote it?" "I did," said the archbishop, somewhat triumphantly, presenting him with the book. The book was "Christ and His Times," and the passage which the archbishop read was from the chapter on "Suffering Populations." Tom Mann often made use of the book at socialist meetings.

Birds' Calls.

There are many birds of which the male and female have the same call, such as the raven, the rook, the New Zealand parson bird and the gull, and to the highly cultivated musical ear a difference in pitch may be perceived which would escape the ordinary observer. With the true songsters there is little difference in the vocal organs of the two sexes, although the males of most species sing better and more continuously than the females.

Not a Success.

"Then Miss Newleigh didn't make a success as a platform speaker?"

"Success? I should say not. Got knocked out on her very first speech."

"What was the matter?"

"Lack of common sense. Had a big crowd of women out to hear her, but in two minutes she emptied the hall."

"How did she do it?"

"Said she was glad to see so large a gathering of the plain people."—Scottish Nights.

Appropriate Attire.

He stood as if carved from stone. Those who know the circumstances manifested no surprise.

He had just been chiseled out of his rocks.—Indianapolis Journal.

How Papa Said Grace.

"At our house the other night we had a Methodist minister to tea," said a friend. "The dominie said grace, and when he ceased asking the blessing the 4-year-old daughter of the hostess, who sat opposite the minister, looked up and said, 'That's not the kind of grace my papa says.'

"'No? What kind of grace does your papa say?' asked the minister. 'Why, he came home last night, and when he sat down to the table he just said, "Good God, what a supper!"' was the reply."—Buffalo Courier.

The first mention of a crown in the Scriptures is in Exodus xxv, 11, where a crown or ornament of gold was directed to be placed above the sacred ark. The ornament is here mentioned as being well known and was probably long in use among the Egyptian kings.

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Entertained the Motion.

In one of the townships near Chicago the people once elected as justice of the peace a man known for his strict application of parliamentary rules to everything possible. Among his first cases was one of trifling importance, an assault. Epler and Delew, two Chicago lawyers who knew the justice's peculiarity, represented the defendant and a man of the name of Smith the prosecution. Both sides announced they were ready for trial. Just as the court was about to proceed Mr. Epler arose and said, "If your honor please, I move that this case be dismissed." "I second the motion," quickly put in Mr. Delew. "It is moved and seconded that the case be dismissed," was put by the court. "But your honor," quickly interrupted Mr. Smith, with great surprise at such procedure. "Mr. Smith, this court has presided over meetings before and is thoroughly familiar with parliamentary procedure. It needs no assistance from you in this matter." "But, your honor"—"I shall fine you for contempt, Mr. Smith, if you continue to disturb this court." The court then put the question again, adding, "All in favor of the motion will rise." Epler and Delew and the prisoner arose. "Those opposed will rise." Smith and the prosecutor arose. "The motion is carried by a vote of three to two, and the case is dismissed," declared the justice.—San Francisco Argonaut.

What a "Wed" Means.

Among the Anglo-Saxons the bridegroom gave a pledge or "wed" at the betrothal ceremony. This "wed" included a ring, which was placed on the maiden's right hand, where it remained until, at the marriage, it was transferred to the left. English women at one time wore the wedding ring on the thumb. Many portraits of ladies in Queen Elizabeth's days are so depicted. In the reign of George III brides usually removed the ring from its proper abiding place to the thumb as soon as the ceremony was over. In Spain the gift of a ring is looked upon as a promise of marriage and is considered sufficient proof for a maiden to claim her husband. It is a custom to pass little pieces of bride's cake through the wedding ring, and those to whom these pieces are given place them under their pillows at night to dream of their lovers. These "dreamers," as they are called, should be drawn nine times through the ring. Many brides, however, are so superstitious that neither for that purpose nor at any other time will they take the ring off their finger after it has once been placed there.—Philadelphia Times.

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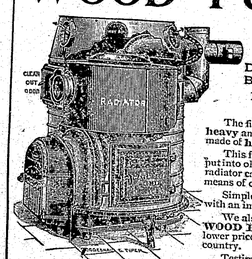

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